

REMARKS

Prior to the amendments herein, claims 1-52 were pending in the application. Claims 18-21 and 38-52 have been cancelled herein without prejudice. New claims 53-89 have been added herein.

Assignee sincerely thanks the examiner for indicating that dependent claims 20 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Although assignee respectfully maintains that the unamended claims are patentable over the cited references, the pending claims have been amended with the subject matter indicated as allowable.

Independent claim 1 has been amended with the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 20 (and any intervening claim). New independent claims 53-54 have been added and contain the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 20 (and any intervening claim)

New independent claims 55 and 88-89 have been added and contain the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 21 (and any intervening claim)

In view of the amendments, assignee respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable and should proceed to issuance.

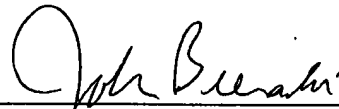
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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, assignee respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable. Therefore, the examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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